



Wednesday Morning

Halls Hill Nov 27th 1861

Dear sister

I received your letter last night and was glad to hear from you i have not ~~last a letter from~~

had but one letter from an or any of the rest of the folks in four weeks i received the a letter from Oliver last week it was so long & coming that i did not no whether he was there now or not so i did not write to him you said that you wanted me to tell you what an orderly was i will tell you what it is there is seven men detailed every morning from each company for guard around the camp out of them there is three taken for orderleys one for the colonel Two for the Brigades General you wanted to no what they have to do well i will tell

Civil
War
Letter
to
Gt Gr ma
of
Helen W.
McKenney

the colonel's has to stay at his tent and if he wants to send a message to the general for any thing he has to go the general has to do the same they have to go to the colonels with messages and to the general of the division to the telegraph office &c. forth it called an honorary post and sought for by ~~the~~ all the guards that is what an orderly is now for the rest of the news we had great times here last menses day there was a grand review of 60 thous and troops by the major general and the president it was a nice spectacle to behold we were drawn up in line of battle in a large field and then the pres and the general and his staff rode the whole length of the line

(They may say what they have a mind
to about abes being so homely he
is not half so homely as they say he is)

we have been under arms since
last night for the ^{rebels} are threatening
to attack us there was one hundred
men went out of our regt on pickets
day before yesterday and news has
come in since i have been writing
this that one of our capt's is taken
capt ^{depos of prisoners} prisoners but we dont know how true
it is yet i do not know of any more
news now to write now good by for this
time give my love to father and
mother norm and Mat and the rest of
the folks from your Affectionate
Brother William Griswold

To his sisters

C. T. Gaylord

of when you ^write to dices tell him when he
gets to washington to rite so that he
i will no where he is a shoping and i
will ^write to him ^write away and tell him
to